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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yannick GERARD, et al.

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FOR: SYSTEM FOR FASTENING TWO COMPONENTS, METHOD OF FASTENING BY MEANS OF THIS  
FASTENING SYSTEM, AND FUEL SYSTEM

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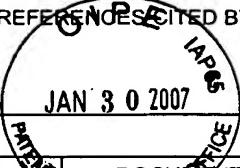
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#### STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- 1) References have been cited in the International Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 2) References AA - AB and AO – AP have been cited in the corresponding French Search Report. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 3) References are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
- 4) References are additional prior art known to Applicant. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.



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